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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your calls for more ideas about health care reform and efforts to elicit them are commendable. As you assemble your invitation list for the February 25 summit, I hope you will invite a representative of the community that is advocating for the only health care that has consistently proven to address each of the criteria you have outlined for a satisfactory health care plan: Medicare for All. As you know, Medicare for All increases quality, provides coverage for everyone, and controls costs.

Many states recognize such advantages and are embarking on their own pursuits of single-payer health care in the absence of its serious consideration in Congress. On January 27, 2010, the California Senate passed a single-payer bill, clearing the way for the State Assembly to pass it as they have twice before. There are also strong single payer movements in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois, Colorado, and New Mexico.

I would be happy to attend the summit as a representative of the Medicare for All community. Alternatively, I could provide names of other potential representatives for your consideration.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Kucinich
Member of Congress